

AGN NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY CHAIR HILDA L. SOLIS

December 15, 2015

The County of Los Angeles joined forces with the March of Dimes 31 years ago to help improve the health of mothers and babies in our community. The annual March of Dimes campaign provides County employees with the opportunity to support this voluntary effort by forming department teams of walkers and participating in various fundraisers. Our dedicated employees raised \$319,000 during the 2015 campaign, which placed the County as the number one public sector team in the nation.

The County continues to support the fight against birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality with the 2016 campaign. The fundraising activities will include County Night at Dodger Stadium, March of Dimes “MedWalks” at County hospitals and health centers, the Los Angeles County Fire Department’s March of Dimes Barbeque, and Countywide “Blue Jeans for Babies” Days on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 and Thursday, May 26, 2016.

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The key fundraising event of this campaign is the March of Dimes' "March for Babies" Walk, which will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 8 a.m. in Exposition Park.

The County receives a portion of funds raised for the March of Dimes to support research, education and programs that help give every baby a healthy start.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Encourage all County employees and Department/District Heads to voluntarily participate in the County's 2016 March of Dimes "Be a Superhero, March for Babies" campaign from January – June 2016.
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Internal Services to provide the necessary support services for the March of Dimes campaign, a worthwhile effort to prevent birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.
3. Waive parking fees for 50 cars in the amount of \$1,000, excluding the cost of liability insurance, at The Music Center Garage for department coordinators attending the following annual events: the Executive Breakfast Kickoff on January 12, 2016, Coordinator's Training Workshop on January 29, 2016, and the campaign wrap-up meeting on August 11, 2016;
4. Proclaim April 30, 2016 as "County of Los Angeles March of Dimes Day" in recognition of the annual "March for Babies" Walk to be held at Exposition Park;
5. Waive countywide setup and service fees by the Internal Services Department

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in the amount of \$10,000, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for fundraising activities benefiting the 2016 March of Dimes “Be a Superhero, March for Babies” campaign; and

6. Proclaim May 25 and 26, 2016, as “Blue Jeans for Babies” Days throughout Los Angeles County in support of the 2016 March of Dimes Campaign.

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